

# Parish Press

September 2019 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## *September Schedule*

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

No Fellowship

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Light Fellowship Council

Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

Light Fellowship  
Property

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light Fellowship  
Christian Ed

Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

Light Fellowship  
Finance

**September Love Envelope**

*Blanket Sunday*

## *Making Ice Cream!*



**FOOD BANK**  
**NEEDS: Spaghetti Sauce**



The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month above or any other non-perishable food item.

All donations are distributed to those in need in our community. Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**DESPERATELY NEEDED:**

The Food Bank distribution is on the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. Any groups interested must commit to one month of service.

If you have questions, please see

***Roxanne Patton,***

Our Food Bank Representative

**GOOD SAMARITAN  
MISSION  
HYGIENE GIVEAWAY**

*There is a basket in the Narthex to collect the following items:*

- ***Tooth Paste & Tooth Brushes***
- ***Shampoo***
- ***Soap, Body Lotion, Body Wash***
- ***Vaseline***
- ***Wash Cloths***
- ***Razors & Shaving Cream***

The Mission will be distributing these items every 3 months. Please help by donating items from the above list.

We have had 2 hygiene sign up and giveaways. We gave hygiene bags to 74 adults which included 44 children. Thank you for all your donations to help fill the bags to give to those in need. We need more shampoo, deodorant, and body lotion to fill the bags. Thank you again for your generosity.

**ACTION DAY!**

***Upper Susquehanna Synod Office***

**October 19, 2019**

**9 am - 12 noon**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT \* RAPE  
SEX TRAFFICKING  
PANEL SPEAKERS**

**Heather Scheider:** Transitions

**Karen Galbraith:** Training Projects Coordinator at  
PA Coalition Against Rape

**Tiffany Dyer:** Sexual Violence Coordinator at  
Ohio State University

***Continental Breakfast Provided***

***Christmas-at-Sea***

A Holiday Initiative by Seafarers International House

Our port chaplains bring satchels filled with gifts to the ships for every holiday. Every crew member regardless of faith or nationality will open their satchels, each containing:

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

One Sweatshirt: hooded or unhooded (M-XL)

Three Pairs of Socks: thermal or white gym

One T-Shirt: (M-XL)

One Knitted Winter Cap: (matching scarf optional)

One Can of Nuts or Larch Chocolate Bar

A Holiday or Christmas Card from YOU!

You pick the colors, but please no substitutions from this list.

***Donations are now being accepted in the church  
Narthex. Deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>.***

# What's Happening

**Sept. 2 – Labor Day – Office Closed**

**Sept. 3** – Martha's Circle 1:30pm; 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

**Sept. 4** – Iron Uke Benders (CR) 6-8PM

**Sept. 5** – 12PM-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

**Sept. 9** –Worship & Music 11 AM; Finance 7 PM

**Sept. 10** – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

Hospitality 10 AM; Christian Ed 6PM; Property 7PM

**Sept. 12** – 12PM-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

**Sept 15** – Hoagie Orders Due

**Sept. 16** – Caring 11 AM

**Sept. 17** – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore ; Council 6:30 PM

**Sept. 18** – Iron Uke Benders (CR) 6-8PM

**Sept 19** – Hoagie Preparation; 12PM-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

## MUSIC EDUCATION AT PINE STREET

**Alf Bashore Instructor 570-437-2515 (home)**

Text only cell: 570-380-4883 email: [bennschtung@gmail.com](mailto:bennschtung@gmail.com)

**Beginner, novice, intermediate lessons on:  
Mt Dulcimer, Mandolin, Ukulele, Guitar, Accordion,  
Music Reading/Theory, Harmonica, Tenor Banjo, etc.**

**Tuesdays 9 to 5 (if interest Thursdays 1 to 8 pm)**

Note: ACTIVE Pine St. Lutheran members receive 25% discounted lessons.

Our church receives tithe for use of facilities.



# Pine Street Prayer List

## PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

is most effective when kept updated.

Please fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate. Thank you!

### Homebound Congregation

#### Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely and  
Lillian Stahl

#### Congregation Members:

Hunter Beasley, John Binder, Irene Hinkle, Tom Landi, Rae Leighow, Daniel Love, Sandra McCarty, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Roxanne Patton, Sandra Reibsome, Carl Rice, Jr., Judy Rogowski, Meaghan Shamp, Art Sticklin, and Ryan Versluis.

#### Friends Of Congregation Members:

Janet Allis, Francis Aikey, Barry C. Balonek, James Bergenstock, Patsy Berns, Nancy Bordner, Anthony and Chorine Bordner, Benny Bordner,

Neina Brady, Rhonda Brouse, Tessa Burk, Terri Chayko, Albert Churns, Jeff Creveling, Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry, Mary Ann Davis, Idita Dennehy, Lisa Eiswerth, Cathi Flanagan, Joan Fulkroad, Helen Gething, Connie Gibbs, Diane Hanson, Anna Hare, Harold Hauck, Jackie Jackson, Kenneth Kauwell, Dottie Keeler, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Kelly Kettlewell, Jean Knapp, Phyllis Knight, Alex Knox, Brenda Kile, Chris Linn, Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski, Mary Maneval, Kodi Marconi, Chet Miller, Kenne Miller, Pastor Brian Moyer, Kay Mull, Debbie Neitz, Elroy Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Pauline Newman, Ivan Newman, Shirley Phesant, Mark Pontiac, Charles Reedy, Carol Rehrauer, Iris Reibsome, Irvin Reibsome, Dorothy Reilly, Ethen Renner, Gisela Roth, John Sebasovich, Annette Shalongo, Robert Shamp, Betsy Smeltz, John Stoker, Mary Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Jaide Torbush, Daisy Trate, Lili Trate, Leann Ulrick, and Bert Williams.

#### Special Military List

Shane Bergenstock; SGT, Shawn Dyer; SSG, Andrew Bauman; Tristan Winter, Steven Sees, Sgt. Levi Gearhart; David Gregory; Jason Brennan, Nicole and

Alejandro Hernandez; Jonathan Babb, Matthew Clark; Nate Hughes, Charlie Reedy; Cody Harper, AB Andrew Dougerty, Robert K. Torbush, Kelsy Jensen, Jeremy Weikel; Trevor Stone; B.J. Dellinger; Wesley Derrick

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

The children and young teen Sunday school classes will resume meeting again on Sunday September 8, 2019

Children grades preschool 8th grade will meet in the Sunday school classrooms on the first floor of the Luther House.

Nan Leighow and Missi Bohner will teach the group and divide into 2 different age groups based on attendance.

Please consider joining us for fun and faith formation!

### **ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP**

The adult discussion group will continue meeting in the Fellowship Room on Sunday mornings at 9:00. Young adults in high school through senior members are welcome to participate in this group and to share and grow in faith together.

We will be refreshing the routine of this group with a musical beginning and Brenda Dennehy as the group facilitator.

Please consider joining this group to enhance your Sunday morning worship experience.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Pastor Gretchen will be offering a first year confirmation class with Samantha Eyer as co-teacher.

The class will meet for a total of 12 Sundays from late September through late March. (approximately twice per month.)

A general guide for participation age is 7th grade high school. This class focuses on enhancing the understanding of the Bible and Lutheran church history and practices for our younger church participants. It also prepares them to be more independent and active church members.

*Please contact Pastor Gretchen with any questions.*



**Please send updated Military addresses prayer list updates  
to the office or Sue Baylor at [sueb123@ptd.net](mailto:sueb123@ptd.net)**

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS

Terri Wydra 9/8  
Larissa Bohner 9/9  
Saundra Lees 9/15  
Mary Kemp 9/18  
Brandon Snover 9/18  
Jacob Snover 9/20  
Samantha Jordan 9/22  
Joan Greely 9/23

Valerie Snyder 9/26  
Barb Wintersteen 9/29  
James Hack 9/30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Rae & Nancy Leighow 9/7  
Paul & Barb Ezdebski Jr. 9/16  
Vicki & David Billman II 9/28

## NOW AVAILABLE

Families can pay for gift cards with credit cards. Today's the day. In addition to linking a bank account (PrestoPay™), families now have the option to pay for gift cards with credit cards. Important details about this new payment option:

### CREDIT CARD TYPES

Visa and Mastercard are accepted.



### Rebates:

The rebate is not impacted—families, and your organization, still earn the same amount. Your organization's earnings are credited the same way as linked bank account payments.

Purchases: A 2.6% fee is added to a family's order total each time they pay with a credit card. Your organization does not pay a fee. Credit card payments are processed immediately.

As a reminder, credit card payments are only available to families who can pay online. Those families will automatically have the option to choose "Credit Card" under "Payment Options" in their cart.

### Win free shipping for 1 year

When families spend a minimum of \$50 on any combination of gift cards between August 19 and September 14, your organization is entered to win free shipping for an entire year.

### Here's how it works:

Families can shop physical gift cards, eGift cards, and reloads from any of our 750+ top brands. When an existing family spends at least \$50, you receive 1 entry per order.

When a new family spends at least \$50, you receive 2 entries per order.

10 coordinators will win free shipping. Winners will be contacted via email after the sweepstakes period ends.

GET DETAILS

### \$5,000 family sweepstakes

In addition, we'll be giving 1 lucky family \$5,000 in Disney Gift Cards, plus more opportunities for families to win \$100 gift cards from top brands. Share the flyer, and tell families to check their inboxes and the ShopWithScrip Facebook Page to learn how to enter—starting today.

***See Sue Baylor for details.***

# ELCA Churchwide Assembly declares ELCA sanctuary church

8/7/2019

MILWAUKEE — In a key action this afternoon, the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to approve a memorial that declares the ELCA a sanctuary church. The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country.

Earlier in the day, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA, joined more than 700 assembly members and others in a march and prayer vigil to the Milwaukee Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office. The march addressed concerns about the human rights of migrant children and families entering the U.S. along the southern border. Through the ELCA's initiative, Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO), this church is committed to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.

During morning plenary, the Rev. Chris Boerger, secretary of the ELCA, gave his report to the assembly. Boerger, who is retiring this fall, spent part of his report explaining the role of the secretary and the various responsibilities that come with the office.

"I believe that good structure is necessary for our life together and for the accomplishment of the work that God has given us to do," Boerger said. "I have said often that the primary focus of the church should be the mission that God has given us. The constitutions and policies of the church are to serve that mission. The mission should not be hindered by the constitution or policies of the church."

Boerger also gave updates on actions that were taken during the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, including that the denomination has made "little

progress" in moving toward the commitment of authentic diversity. He reported that at the end of 2015, the ELCA was 92% white and at the end of 2018, it was 94% white.

"Until it really is a commitment for the congregations of this church, the prospects of this change are very dim," he said. "As a white church we say the right words. We, the majority population of this church, need to do more than talk."

Boerger's report also included statistics on baptized membership, which continues to decline. There was a 2.8% decrease from 2017, which he said is consistent with the trend the church has seen since its formation.

"We still have 3.4 million members," he said. "We are not an insignificant church."

Boerger closed his report by thanking ELCA members for entrusting him with the role of secretary, adding that he thanks God for this church and the people of this church.

"We are the clay jars that God has chosen to use to proclaim the gospel to this time and in our individual contexts," he said. "Thank you for this opportunity to serve our God, our world and our church. We are church. Thanks be to God."

Following his report, Boerger was presented with the Servus Dei award, which honors and expresses appreciation for ELCA officers as they complete their terms.

In his report, Bill Horne, ELCA vice president, spoke of unity in Christ as he reflected on this church's connection "as Christians, Lutherans, members of the ELCA and our relationship with our neighbors."

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Horne stressed the importance of this theme of oneness as the assembly considers the proposals and recommendations before them this week.

"I can be of one mind with you and still disagree with you on an issue. When we focus on the word, the meaning of our baptism and the eucharist, our life as Christians and our service to our neighbor, being of one mind helps us to navigate through the rough spots in living with each other," Horne said. "The distinctions that I may make in our relationship and interactions won't ever overshadow the oneness we share in Christ Jesus."

The assembly also received greetings from the Rev. Susan C. Johnson, national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Rev. Panti Filibus Musa, archbishop of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria and president of the Lutheran World Federation.

Dr. Philip Johnson, president of Finlandia University, Hancock, Mich., and president of the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities, also greeted the assembly on behalf of the network.

A first ballot was taken for election of ELCA secretary. A total of 866 votes were cast and 646 votes were required for election. There was no election.

Live video of the plenary sessions is accessible at [elca.org/cwa](http://elca.org/cwa).

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About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.5 million members in more than 9,100 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands.," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

# THANK YOU!

***TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH  
THE ICE CREAM FESTIVAL!***

**WITH GRATITUDE FROM  
CHRIST MEMORIAL  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH DIAPER BANK!**

***"Our program would not be able to  
succeed without contributions and  
support from members of our  
gracious community."***

**Camp Mt. Luther & Upper Susquehanna  
Synodical Women's Organization**

## Fall Women's Retreat

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019**

**9:30 am - 3 pm - Cost: \$20**

**Evergreen Center at Mt. Luther**

Cost includes coffee, tea, snacks and lunch

***Registration forms in Social Hall***

## WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

Presented by Pastor Sarah Hershberger  
*Our retreat will help us live out our baptismal call by looking at how we can do mission work in our churches and communities, and the world. We'll look at ways that we can serve others and get groups together to serve as God calls us to do. Practical ideas and stories of mission work will be shared with plenty of takeaways to help us act!*

## Financials as of End of July 2019

July Totals: Income \$7609.57/ Expenses \$6929.96 \$679.61

YTD Totals: Income \$54,081.21 / Expenses \$60,551.59 -\$6470.38

*As Interim, Pastor Gretchen works 10 hours a week for Pine Street Lutheran Church.*

### **Council Members:**

Tom Herrington, President; Mary Jane Snyder, Vice President;  
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, Council Secretary;  
Roxanne Patton, Treasurer; Alf Bashore; Nancy Leighow

**Mission Statement** *God's mission for us at Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope, and love through prayer, discipleship, ministry, and worship.*

**Worship Schedule:** 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion

& Children's Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by Fellowship Hour

**Organist: Ronald Kline \* Sexton: Caz Morgan**

**Secretary: Heather Bieber**

**Ministers:** All the people of Pine Street

**Interim Pastor:** The Reverend Gretchen Johanson

Phone: 570-394-0815

**Church Office:** 275-2110;

**Hours: Mon.-Thur.** 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

**Fri. & Sun.** Closed

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**In case of an emergency,**  
**there is a defibrillator**  
**in the social hall.**